

OPEN WORLD PROGRAM

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Hosting organization:

Oakland-Nakhodka Sister City Association

Debbie Chapman, Local Coordinator

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Saturday, June 14

Group Arrives

Welcome Dinner/Program Introduction & Orientation
Home of Brad Clark and Ron Pusateri

Sunday, June 15

10 AM

Tour of San Francisco

Evening

Dinner with host families

Monday, June 16

10 AM - Noon

Oakland Unified School District
Student, Family and Community Services Department

10 AM

Drug Prevention/Conflict Resolution Program
Gail Whang, Coordinator

Ms. Whang will present an overview of the types of programs with which her office partners and describe how the School District responds to federal mandates such as those that say “No Child Left Behind.”

Teens on Target
Elizabeth Lonnecker, Director

Ms. Lonnecker and some young people from Teens on Target will join the delegation at Ms. Whang’s office to talk about their program, which does peer education on drug abuse and violence prevention.

11 AM

Health Services
Carole Flowers, Director

Ms. Flowers will describe the HIV/AIDS Prevention programs of the School District.

Lunch

2 PM

**Alameda County Health Care Services Agency
Behavioral Health Care Services Department**

Marye Thomas MD, Director

Gail Greenberg, Program Specialist

Drug Abuse and Prevention Programs

Maria Aguilar, Program Director

Public Health Department, AIDS & Communicable
Diseases Division

HIV Education and Prevention

The delegation will meet in a conference room at 2000 Embarcadero where the these three women will describe the sources of their funding and the way in which they deploy it to accomplish their goals. Later in the week, the delegation will visit the work sites of some of the service providers who receive funding for their programs from the county.

In California, public health programs are administered at The County level rather than by cities. The County Health Care Services Agency administers federal and state health Programs, and runs County medical facilities

5:00 PM

Debriefing and Discussion of the day's program

Home of Debbie Chapman

Evening

Dinner with Host families

Tuesday, June 17

10 AM TENTATIVE

Thunder Road Adolescent Treatment Centers

Karen Kern, Admissions Supervisor

Thunder Road is featured as an exemplary adolescent treatment model in the publication "Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment in the United States: Exemplary Models from a National Evaluation Study," In January of this year it was chosen by Drug Strategies as one of 144 nationally recognized programs to be featured in-depth in its Treating Teens: A Guide to Adolescent Drug Programs project

4 PM

Needle Exchange Emergency Distribution (NEED)

(NEED) is a collective of volunteers working to stop the spread of HIV infection and other diseases, particularly among the high-risk needle-using population, by providing clean syringes, bleach, condoms, HIV testing information, and referrals. NEED also works to improve the laws of the state.

NEED operates a mobile van in the Berkeley community providing free services three times a week at three different sites. Van services include needle exchange on the street, a Thursday-only wound care clinic (providing non-judgmental treatment of abscesses, ulcers and chronic wounds) and education.

The delegation will visit the Tuesday (4-5:30 pm) NEED Van program.

5:30 PM

Debriefing and Discussion

Home of Debbie Chapman

Evening

Dinner with host families

Wednesday, June 18

10 AM

Oakland Tribune

Peggy Stinnett, Columnist, Editorial Page Committee

Lunch

2 PM

Health & Human Resource Education Center

Health Through Art: Signs of Recovery

Tisha Kenny, Program Director

Health Through Art: Signs of Recovery is a project that uses the power of the media to counteract substance abuse, racism and violence by applying community generated art as a creative force for healing and social change. Contributors, such as

young people, prisoners, people participating in health and recovery programs, and amateur and professional artists, create artwork, which is used on billboards, murals, and in a roving art show.

Black Women's Media Project

Frances Berry, Project Coordinator

This project was launched by the Health & Human Resource Education Center in 1998 to investigate the impact of alcohol advertising and alcohol abuse on African American women, their families and their communities. The Black Women's Media project promotes awareness and participation of African American women in public health environmental prevention strategies, such a publication of "*Crossing the Invisible Line*", media advocacy training, and a speakers' bureau.

5:00 PM

Debriefing and Discussion

Home of Debbie Chapman

Evening

Dinner with host families

Thursday, June 19

10 AM

Community Counseling & Education Center

Services are provided to youth between the ages of 12-18. Treatment services include assessment, treatment planning, individual/group/family counseling, social, & recreational activities. Provides education and information, alternative (clean & sober) activities, problems identification, and referral, and other community-based strategies designed to prevent alcohol and other drug problems and promote healthy behavior and environments. These activities take place in many settings in the community such as schools, community centers, churches, treatment facilities, and work places.

Friday Night Live: provides services to high school aged students at chapters throughout Alameda County

Club Live: provides services to middle school aged students at chapters through out Alameda County

2 PM

Meeting TBA

5:00 PM

Debriefing and Discussion

Home of Debbie Chapman

6:30 PM

Potluck dinner with ONSCA Community Members

Montclair Presbyterian Church

Friday, June 20

10 AM

Second Chance, Inc.

Patti Hart, Site Coordinator

Ron Owen, Office of the Mayor

Established in 1971, Second Chance, Inc. is a non-profit, community based counseling and recovery center with multiple sites in Alameda County. The administrative office is in Newark, CA. The delegation will visit the Hayward site.

They provide service or referrals for people with problems related to alcohol and drugs, family problems, homelessness, marital difficulties, suicide, codependency, runaway, finances, legal problems, incorrigible youth, divorce or separation, domestic violence, stress, child abuse, parenting skills, and impulse control, and so on.

Some of their counselors are degreed or licensed, but they are primarily a community-based agency. They rely heavily on people who have themselves worked through difficult situations (whether drugs, parenting, or whatever) to work with people dealing with similar problems. They believe strongly in using the resources of people with concrete experience to help those who are still struggling.

Their voluntary services are offered free of charge. Diversion services—DUI, PC1000 Drug Diversion, Domestic Non-Violence Support, HIV/AIDS Education Workshop, and Co-Parenting Group—are provided on a fee-for-service basis.

2 PM

Program Evaluation and Discussion

Home of Debbie Chapman

4 PM

Performance: Beach Blanket Babylon
San Francisco

Saturday, June 21

10 AM

Shopping/Free time

Evening

Farewell dinner with host families